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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Clark County Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes May 26, 2004

Board Members: Judi Borchers, George Delgado, Bob Fizzell, Randall Kleinhesselink, Pat McConnaughey, Tom Stallone, Quan Tran, David Weniger, Kristin Murphy, Deb Wallace, Samara Gilroy-Hicks

Members Present: David Weniger, Tom Stallone, Kristin Murphy, Deb Wallace, Quan Tran, Judi Borchers, Samara Gilroy-Hicks

Staff Present: Midge Burmaster, Connie Mom-Chhing, Sela Barker, Karyl Ramsey, Geoff Knapp, Tracy Stief

Members Excused: George Delgado, Randall Kleinhesselink, Bob Fizzell, Pat McConnaughey

Members Absent:

Guests: James Mead, Bill Barron (County Administrator), David Cooper (Yes for C-Tran), Carol Gross (Mental Health Northwest), Barbara Allen (Children's Home Society), Melanie Maiorino (MH Ombudsman), John Magnano and Nancy Parker (Columbia River Mental Health Services), Don Koenig (Catholic Community Services), Mary Jadwisiak (WA State NAMI)

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION LEADERS	DECISIONS, ACTIONS, MOTIONS, ASSIGNMENTS
I. Meeting Minutes Approval	<p>The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by David Weniger, Chair.</p> <p>Recognition for James Mead – Bill Barron, County Administrator, presented James Mead with thanks and a plaque for his years of service on the board. Mr. Barron read the following: This award is being presented to James Mead in recognition and appreciation of his 2 plus years of outstanding community service on the Clark County Mental Health Advisory Board. James has served as Vice Chair of the board as well as a member of the Executive Committee. He has also served on numerous committees most notably the Older Adult System of Care, the Cultural Competency Committee and the Substance Abuse Advisory Board. James has been a strong advocate for older adults serving on a statewide focus group and the A Team, a multi-disciplinary team for hard to serve adults and older adults. We would like to thank James for his dedication, commitment, and significant contributions to this community. We will miss him and wish him luck in his move to Everett, Washington. Thank you James!</p>	David Weniger	Minutes from the March 31, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

II. A. Manager's Report	<p>Midge attended a special meeting called by Karl Brimner, Director of the Mental Health Division, to discuss the latest updates on the waiver, upcoming legislative task force, and challenges they are facing between now and December. Representatives from the Mental Health Council, RSN's, Tribal authorities, and the Mental Health Division attended.</p> <p>The Legislative Task Force has been established to look at the mental health system, the waiver, CMS issues, Medicaid-only services, and how the state would transition to a Medicaid-only service. Eight members have been selected for the Task Force: Dennis Braddock – alternate is Karl Brimner; Mike Sheldon (WSAC) – alternate is Dave Gossett; Kari Burrell (Governor's Office); Linda Parlette (R) (Senate Majority Caucus); Pat Thibaudeau (D) (Senate Majority Caucus); Eileen Cody (D) (House of Representatives); Barbara Bailey (R) (House of Representatives); and Jim Horn (JLARC). They will begin meeting in June and plan to have draft recommendations by January, 2005. Four different work groups will be formed to provide information and overall recommendations to the task force. The work groups will address non-Medicaid clients and funding, residential and inpatient bed capacity issues, system accountability and organization. A Steering Committee will be formed to oversee the progress of the work groups.</p> <p>Community Investment Fund - Savings generated by being prudent users of the system will no longer be available to RSN's and possibly providers. We have until December 31, 2004 to transition from the use of the savings.</p> <p>Midge distributed two handouts to the board: the RSN Pre-Meeting "Bulletin" prepared by the MHD and the Co-Occurring Methamphetamine Expanded Treatment (COMET) grant application submitted by Clark County DCS. The COMET grant, if funded, would provide funding for direct services to help reduce methamphetamine abuse among seriously mentally ill people in Clark County.</p>	Midge Burmaster	
II. B. Quality Manager's Report	<p>The Quality Management Committee will meet next Wednesday. The last meeting, in April, focused on Cultural Competence. Hank Balderrama from the Mental Health Division spoke on Cultural Competence and explained the WAC requirements as they related to mental health specialist consultation. Minutes from the April QMC meeting will be sent to the MHAB.</p> <p>Agency Chart Reviews have been completed and reports will be submitted in the next few weeks. Data Integrity reviews to compare data from charts to data entered in the computer system are also being conducted and will be completed next week. These reviews will help agencies prepare for the CMS audit to take place next Fall.</p>	Sela Barker	

	<p>The Mental Health Division conducted a licensing review of Columbia River Mental Health Services. The written report should be received from the MHD soon.</p> <p>The Mental Health Ombudsman position, vacated by Dan Josue, has been filled by Melanie Maiorino.</p> <p>Telesage, the state consumer outcomes survey system, is targeted to “go live” on June 1. The web site is www.telesage.com/wa</p> <p>The External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) will be visiting Clark County RSN in September. APS Healthcare has been selected as the EQRO. Sela and Karyl Ramsey are reviewing current operations to create a work plan that would address areas needing development in order to meet requirements of the Balanced Budget Act.</p>		
III. NAMI Presentation	<p>Mary Jadwisiack, President of NAMI Washington, gave a presentation on programs offered by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. NAMI Washington has gone through a major reorganization during the past year. NAMI provides education, advocacy and support for people who experience mental illness. Several handouts were distributed to the board. The Vancouver Police Department works closely with NAMI when they are responding to calls involving persons with mental health issues. Critical Incident Trainings (CIT) are provided to assist the VPD in responding to these calls. Deb Wallace suggested that a NAMI brochure be provided to legislators to give to constituents who express a need for assistance with mental health related questions.</p>	Mary Jadwisiack	
IV. Yes for C-Tran Committee	<p>David Cooper, a member of the Yes for C-Tran Committee, gave an overview of the formation of this committee and its purpose. C-Tran is faced with substantial reductions that would drastically cut services in Clark County. These include boundary reductions that would eliminate most of Clark County outside of the Vancouver City Limits and evening service ending at 8:30 p.m. rather than 9:30 p.m.. The Yes for C-Tran Committee is working to pass the November Measure that would increase revenue for C-Tran.</p>	David Cooper	
V. MHAB Sub-Committee Reports	<p>Membership – The Membership Committee recommends Pat McConnaughey to fill the Vice Chair position vacated by James Mead. Pat has expressed an interest in the position.</p> <p>A representative is needed to sit on the Substance Abuse Advisory Board.</p>	Quan Tran	<p>The nomination was approved by the board. Pat’s term will begin immediately.</p> <p>This will be tabled to the next meeting.</p>
VI. Public Input	<p>Deb Wallace commented on the board orientation that she and two other new members received. At the orientation, Connie Mom-Chhing reviewed background</p>		

	information and current issues useful in their new position on the board.		
VII. Adjourn	<p>There will not be a regular board meeting in June. A work session will take place during the regular meeting time at the RSN, BHS Conference Room.</p> <p>Melanie Maiorino, MH Ombudsman, can be reached at 694-6577 x. 233.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.</p>	David Weniger	